SHEEP AND GOAT PRODUCER "TOWN HALL" MEETINGS

We cordially invite you to join other sheep and goat producers at a town hall meeting to identify ways to help Indiana's small ruminant producers market their products.

There has been a great deal of informal discussion among sheep and goat farmers across the state about deficiencies in the marketing options. The Indiana sheep and goat associations in cooperation with the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service have received a USDA grant to investigate what can be done to improve marketing opportunities for small ruminant producers.

It is up to us as livestock producers to indicate the challenges we face and provide suggestions regarding cooperative marketing, interest in graded sales, teleauctions or other ideas. No idea is too small, the more producers involved, the stronger a marketing program we can develop. We look forward to meeting you at one of the Town Hall locations listed below. We thank you in advance for your collaboration and input. If you are unable to make any of these meeting we would still appreciate your ideas, suggestions and information. Please e-mail us at sheepgoatgrant@yahoo.com or call us at 765-891-0716. All times are EST.

November 1, 2010 7pm Dubois County- SIPAC (Southern Indiana -Purdue Agricultural Center) Location: http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu/pac/sipac/map.html

November 3, 2010 7pm Hancock County-County Extension Office Location: http://www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/hancock/pages/default.aspx

November 4, 2010 7pm Lagrange County- 4H Fairgrounds- Community Bldg. Location: CR 075 N across from Lakeland H.S. in LaGrange

November 16, 2010 7pm Washington County-County Extension Office.

Location: http://www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/washington/pages/default.aspx

November 17, 2010 7pm Putnam County-County Extension Office Location: http://www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/putnam/pages/default.aspx

November 23, 2010 7pm Allen County-County Extension Office Location: http://www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/allen/pages/default.aspx

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